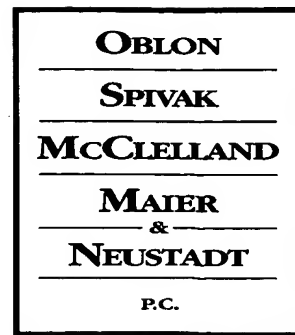




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Applicants: Takaaki SEKIYAMA, et al.
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Response to Restriction Requirement

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Responsive to the Office Action dated June 9, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse,
Group I, Claims 1-14.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction in the above-identified application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-14;

Group II: Claim 15; and

Group III: Claims 16-22.

Applicants have elected, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-14.

Restriction is only proper if the claims of the restricted groups are either independent or patentably distinct. MPEP §803. The burden is on the Examiner to provide adequate reasons and/or examples to support any conclusion of patentable distinctness between the restricted inventions. MPEP §803. Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction